(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The levels of access to information technology, termed as digital divide, exists in ail developing countries. In India, likewise, this divide manifests at different levels and to different extents.

(b) to (e) Government has reduced custom and excise duties on computers and their inputs so as to make computers available at reasonable and affordable prices within the reach of the middle class.

Software export

1652. SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States that are exporting Software, with State-wise details thereof; and

(b) what is the role of Software Technology Park of India in encouraging the States which are already exporting software and other States which have shown interest in this field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) : (a) Software Technology Park (STP) units in 19 States are exporting Software and services. State-wise details of exports are given in the enclosed Statement. (See below)

(b) The Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) provides statutory, data communication and incubation services to the software exporting industry. It also sets up new centres, taking into account export potential of the area to be served by the Centre, commercial viability of the operation and data communication needs of the industry. As of now, STPI has set up 40 Centres across the country, as given in the enclosed Statement-ll.

Statement-I

Software Exports by STP Units

SI. No	State	Export Earnings in I	Rs. Crores 2003-04
1	Karnataka		18100.00
2	Orissa		319.00
3	West Bengal		1600.00
4	Tamil Nadu		7621.00
5	Gujarat		141.00
6	Andhra Pradesh		5025.00
7	Maharashtra		8518.00
8	Uttar Pradesh		2750.00
9	Delhi		2398.00
10	Haryana		4292.00
11	Punjab		182.00
12	Rajasthan		130.00
13	Madhya Pradesh		102.00
14	Chandigarh		39.00
15	Himachal Pradesh		5.00
16	Pondicherry		22.00
17	Uttaranchal		1.00
18	Jammu and Kashmir		1.00
19	Kerala		212.00
	TOTAL		51458.00

Statement-ll

List of STPI centers

SI. No.	STPI Centres	States
1	Allahabad	Uttar Pradesh
2	Aurangabad	Maharashtra
3	Bangalore	Karnataka
4	Bhubaneswar	Orissa
5	Bhilai	Chhattisgarh
6	Chennai	Tamil Nadu
7	Coimbatore	Tamil Nadu

SI. No.	STPI Centres	States
8	Dehradun	Uttaranchal
9	Gandhinagar	Gujarat
10	Guwahati	Assam
11	Hyderabad	Andhra Pradesh
12	Hubli	Kamataka
13	Indore	Madhya Pradesh
14	Jaipur	Rajasthan
15	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh
16	Kolkata	West Bengal
17	Kolhapur	Maharashtra
18	Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
19	Mangalore	Karnataka
20	Manipal	Karnataka
21	Mohali	Punjab
22	Madurai	Tamil Nadu
23	Mysore	Kamataka
24	Nagpur	Maharashtra
25	Nasik	Maharashtra
26	Navi Mumbai	Maharashtra
27	Noida	Uttar Pradesh
28	Pondicherry	Pondicherry
29	Pune	Maharashtra
30	Rourkela	Orissa.
31	Thirunavelli	Tamil Nadu
32	Thirupati	Andhra Pradesh
33	Thiruvananthapuram	Kerala
34	Trichy	Tamil Nadu
35	Shimla	Himachal Pradesh
36	Srinagar	Jammu and Kashmir
37	Vijayawada	Andhra Pradesh
38	Vizag	Andhra Pradesh
39	Warangal	Andhra Pradesh
40	Ranchi	Jharkhand